

Dear Freya,

Thanks for your email.

We have no objections to the proposed survey on the basis of any impact that it might have on underwater cultural heritage. The only caveat to this would be that there are a large number of documented losses of ships in Welsh waters for which there is no confirmed location. There is therefore some potential for encountering previously unknown seabed remains. In the unlikely event of that happening, we would be very grateful if you could inform us of the location and the nature of anything found.

Yours

Julian



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Yn unol â Rheoliadau Safonau'r Gymraeg (Rhif 2) 2016, mae gennych hawl i gyfathrebu a gohebu â Chomisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru yn eich dewis iaith. Er mwyn sicrhau ein bod yn cyflawni'r hawl, rhwch wybod i ni a ydych yn dymuno derbyn gohebiaeth a/neu alwadau ffôn oddi wrthym yn y Gymraeg. Bydd yr wybodaeth hon yn cael ei chofnodi gennym ni, a byddwn yn defnyddio'r iaith o'ch dewis ym mhob cyfathrebu yn y dyfodol. Diolch.

Under the Welsh Language Standards (No. 2) Regulations 2016, you have the right to communicate and correspond with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales in your preferred language. To ensure we uphold this right, please let us know whether you wish to receive correspondence and/or telephone calls from us in Welsh. This information will be recorded by us, and we will use your preferred language in all future communication. Thank you.

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Subject: C End 10 - 2022 Clean Seas Environmental Monitoring Programme

Dear Julian, We would like to inform you that we are planning a survey between 1st of June and 31st July. As part of the Clean Seas Environmental Monitoring Programme we have fixed survey stations

in the area we are sampling in 2022 which are routinely sampled every two years. We will collect 0.1m cube of sediment at up to 50 random chosen stations using a day grab (see maps attached/station), which will be analysed in the laboratory for contaminants to ensure the UK government adheres with European Commission regulations. The results of this monitoring programme will be part of OSPAR reporting. The density of grab samples will not exceed 50 samples within any one hectare. Fishing at each location is targeting dab for fish disease and chemical body burden analysis (see attached map/station). At each location we are looking to sample 50-100 fish in size range 20-24cm. At selected locations samples of dab will include cohort analysis for chemical contaminant burdens, so additional size ranges (<10cm; 10-15cm, 15-20cm and >24cm) will also be collected. We do not expect to sample more than 25 fish in each size range. Manta trawl will be used to sample the surface of the ocean for microplastics. 0.1m³ will be collected using a day grab. This work is being undertaken as part of Defra's Clean Seas Environmental Monitoring Programme for the purposes of OSPAR reporting. The survey will take place between the 1st June until the 31st July on board the RV CEFAS Endeavour.

Please could you confirm that you are happy that this survey will have no impact to Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales. Approval for this activity has already been granted from the following authorities (The Crown Estate, Marine Management Organisation, Southern IFCA, Cornwall IFCA, NW IFCA and Devon and Seven IFCA), and we are in the process of approval with Natural Resource Wales.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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